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Friends,

Sometimes I do a double-take when reading through contracts being considered by the Executive Council.

That was certainly the case when I saw a contract for a new door for \$75,249 at last week's meeting – but in this case, the questions the Councilors raised were addressed with some pretty darn good answers by the agency planning the work. One of the largest (and most commonly at-capacity) hearing rooms in the State House needs a second exit for public safety reasons – and that means cutting into the original 200 year-old granite walls of the state house to create an entirely new exit. That's not a simple or inexpensive endeavor. The project was put out to bid – two construction firms bid, and the state negotiated the lowest bidder down several thousands of dollars more. In the end, the project got a unanimous, bipartisan vote by all five Councilors. Substance trumped soundbites!

Last Wednesday's Governor & Council meeting also approved a number of regional projects and several with statewide impact (for full details on any of these listed here, see the next section below):

IN CENTRAL NH: Appraisal of state-owned land & property at 84 Iron Works Rd to prepare for sale; renewal of contract for Hepatitis C & HIV counseling by Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program; contract renewal for health-related family home visits to at-risk expectant mothers; and used oil collections in Northfield.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Renewal of the Keene DHHS office lease for an additional month to ease transition; contract renewal for health-related family home visits to at-risk expectant mothers.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Renewal of contract to house state-sentenced female prisoners in Strafford Co. Jail for one year (pending construction of a new women's prison in Concord); transportation planning work for coasting communities; CPR training for first responders in Dover.

STATEWIDE: Security contracts at state Military Reservation in Concord; design of the new NH Marine Patrol HQ in Gilford; artwork for the new Anna Philbrook state office building in Concord (note: I originally voted against this over concerns of using an out-of-state artist, but was provided additional information about the artist's longtime background and ties to our state); support for the 2015 Regional Drug Task Force from local departments and the AG's office; recruitment of medical professionals to underserved areas of NH; payments to reconcile Medicaid funds for county nursing homes; renewal of a PR firm contract for the state Travel & Tourism office; a court-ordered financial award to property owners displaced by I-93 work; and new design for replacing the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth.

APPOINTMENTS: See below

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 18 (and is traditionally the longest of the year). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[Full June 4th Meeting Agenda](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#8](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Capital Appraisal Associates Inc., Concord, NH, for a market value appraisal of the State-owned land and buildings located at 84 Iron Works Road, Concord, NH, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,800. **100% General Funds.**

[#50](#) Authorized a contract renew and amend option with the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6-6-12, item #75), to provide targeted Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis C Virus counseling, testing, and referral services, by increasing the price by \$20,000 from \$29,000 to \$49,000, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds**

[#51](#) Authorized to exercise renewal options with vendors as detailed in letter dated April 28, 2014, (originally approved by G&C on 8-8-12, items #49,50,51 and 52), to provide statewide home visiting services to families in accordance with the Health Families America model, by increasing the price by \$1,483,782 from \$1,217,491 to \$2,701,273, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#79](#) Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in letter dated March 21, 2014, totaling \$11,720.25 for the purposes of used oil collections. Effective upon G&C approval through April 9, 2015. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#45](#) Authorized to amend a **sole source retroactive** lease with Ashuelot River Realty Inc., Spofford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4-20-05, item #65), for continued occupation by the Keene District Office, by increasing the price in the amount of \$27,343.75 to \$2,808,823.03 from \$2,781,479.28, and by extending the end date from April 30, 2014 to May 30, 2014. **60% General, 40% Federal Funds.**

[#51](#) Authorized to exercise renewal options with vendors as detailed in letter dated April 28, 2014, (originally approved by G&C on 8-8-12, items #49,50,51 and 52), to provide statewide home visiting services to families in accordance with the Health Families America model, by increasing the price by

\$1,483,782 from \$1,217,491 to \$2,701,273, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#40](#) Authorized a renewal option with Strafford County, Dover, NH, (originally approved by G&C 6-22-11, item #68), for the provision of In-State Incarceration of State Sentenced Female Offenders Services, by increasing the amount by \$547,500 from \$1,205,400 to \$1,752,900. Effective July 1, 2014, or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[#83](#) Authorized to award a **sole source** grant agreement to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Rochester, NH, in the amount of \$12,500, to provide planning technical assistance to member coastal communities. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#94](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with the City of Dover, to train and certify officers in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for a total of \$6,903. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#5](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., Manchester, NH, for security services at the State Military Reservation in Concord, NH, in the amount of \$1,172,672. (2) Further Authorized a general contingency in the amount of \$5,000. (3) Further Authorized a contingency for the purposes of drill weekend coverage only, in the amount of \$15,000. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#16](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into an agreement with Samyn D'Elia Architects PA, Concord, NH, for professional services for the NH Marine Patrol Headquarters, Gilford, for a total price not to exceed \$678,000. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$50,500 for unanticipated site survey, Geo-Technical services, Structural Engineering and design of new fuel storage/pumping system for the NH Marine Patrol Headquarters, bringing the total to \$728,500. (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$19,100 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$747,600. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2016. **100% Capital-Other Funds (Navigation Safety).**

[#20](#) Authorized the Division of the Arts to enter into a contract with Margaret Black, Topsfield, MA, to create artwork for the Anna Philbrook Center, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$12,800. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

[#30](#) Authorized to enter into grants with the agencies as detailed in letter dated May 19, 2014, in the total amount of \$300,000 from the 2015 Regional Drug Task Force appropriation, to support drug task force program operations. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[#48](#) Authorized, with the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy, to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Bi State Primary Care Association, Bow, NH, to recruit primary care healthcare professionals to medically underserved areas of NH and to provide oral health professional recruitment services, in an

amount not to exceed \$355,000. Effective July 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2016. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds.**

[#58](#) Authorized to accept and expend \$10,005,000 for Proportionate Share payments (from Title XIX Medicaid federal funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the amount of \$5,005,000 and Local Funds-Nursing Homes (County) in the amount of \$5,000,000) in the accounts as detailed in letter dated May 15, 2014. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **50% Federal, 50% Other Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on June 9, 2014.**

[#67](#) Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to renew a contract with Lou Hammond and Associates Inc., New York, NY, (originally approved by G&C on 6-20-12, item #161), for public relations and marketing services in the US, in the amount of \$400,000. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% General Funds.**

[#100](#) Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to pay property owners \$1,226,274.78 as documented in the Contemplated Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from May 7, 2014 through May 12, 2014.

[#106](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to amend a contract with Archer Western Contractors LLC, Canton, MA, (originally approved by G&C on 12-14-11 as a late item), for the design-build replacement of the Memorial Bridge, US Rte 1 over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, NH, and Kittery, ME, by increasing the amount by \$2,500,000 from \$81,420,000 to \$83,920,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 27, 2014. **59% Federal, 3% NHDOT, 1% City of Portsmouth, 37% Maine DOT Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

*(* = District 2 Resident)*

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Business Finance Authority

Catherine A. Provencher, Merrimack, NH

Division for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board

Monica L. Zulauf, Manchester, NH

Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Steven Rothenberg, Hopkinton, NH*

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Michael D. Summerlin, Jr., Concord, NH*

Municipal Bond Bank

Matthew Boucher, Bedford, NH

Retirement System Board of Trustees

Maureen Kelliher, Dover, NH*

Confirmed by the Council:

Agricultural Advisory Board

John E. Moulton, Meredith, NH

State Board of Auctioneers

Gregory J. Peverly, Northfield, NH*

Business Finance Authority

Matthew H. Benson, Concord, NH*

Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Robert A. Duhaime, Manchester, NH

Stephen Guyer, Gilford, NH

Jeremy Hitchcock, Manchester, NH

Paul J. Holloway, Rye, NH

John T. Stevens, Gilford, NH

Enhanced 911 Commission

Patrick Robinson, Manchester, NH

Judicial Council

Kimberley Casey, East Kingston, NH

Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

David J. (Jeff) Brillhart, Concord, NH*

Commission to Study Uniform Laws

Russell F. Hilliard, Portsmouth, NH

Board of Veterinary Medicine

Simon George, Deerfield, NH

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